

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-68 (previously cancelled)

Claim 69 (currently amended): A method of providing functionality in a variable-function device, the method comprising:

detecting for an event, wherein the detecting is performed by a computer and wherein the event comprises a notification that can be detected by the computer;

in response to the event, generating an event-related content via a variable-function device; and

in response to the event, if the event-related content is not generated via the variable-function device, then generating the event-related content via the computer.

Claim 70 (previously withdrawn)

Claim 71 (currently amended): The method of claim 69, wherein the notification comprises one of: an electronic mail, an instant message, a low-battery power alert, ~~or~~ and another ~~type of~~ event.

Claim 72 (currently amended): The method of claim 69, wherein the event-related content comprises at least one

of: an image, a notification, an audio sound, ~~or~~ and  
another output-type.

Claim 73 (previously added): The method of claim 69,  
wherein the event-related content is generated via an  
output stage of the variable-function device.

Claim 74 (previously added): The method of claim 69,  
wherein the event-related content is generated via an  
output stage of the computer.

Claim 75 (previously added): The method of claim 74,  
wherein the output stage comprises a screen of the  
computer.

Claim 76 (previously added): An apparatus for providing  
functionality in a variable-function device, the apparatus  
comprising:

    a computer configured to detect for an event, wherein  
the event comprises a notification that can be detected by  
the computer; and

    a variable-function device coupled to the computer and  
configured to generate an event-related content in response  
to the event;

    wherein in response to the event, if the variable-  
function device does not generate the event-related  
content, then the computer generates the event-related  
content.

Claim 77 (previously added): The apparatus of claim 76, wherein the notification comprises one of: an electronic mail, an instant message, a low-battery power alert, or another type of event.

Claim 78 (previously added): The apparatus of claim 76, wherein the event-related content comprises at least one of: an image, a notification, an audio sound, or another output type.

Claim 79 (previously added): The apparatus of claim 76, wherein the event-related content is generated via an output stage of the variable-function device.

Claim 80 (previously added): The apparatus of claim 76, wherein the event-related content is generated via an output stage of the computer.

Claim 81 (previously added): The apparatus of claim 80, wherein the output stage comprises a screen of the computer.

Claim 82 (previously added): An apparatus for providing functionality in a variable-function device, the apparatus comprising:

means for detecting for an event, wherein the event comprises a notification that can be detected by the detecting means in a computer;

coupled to the detecting means, means for generating an event-related content via a variable-function device, in response to the event; and

means for generating the event-related content via the computer in response to the event, if the means for generating the event-related content via the variable-function device does not generate the event-related content.